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HB 5537

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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I have been a patient of a naturopathic physician for exactly 10 years, this month. I am over 62, and am not on any pharmaceutical prescription medication for any of my physical ailments. I credit my partnership with my naturopath for this accomplishment. Those of us who follow natural medical protocols are willing to take personal responsibility for our health, and are much more proactive in keeping ourselves healthy. I trust my naturopath, and consult her on every condition or ailment I experience. By the way, I am not "allowed" to list her as my primary care physician on my insurance card - even though she is my pcp. It's time we, as a society, acknowledge the indispensable service that naturopathic physicians provide. It's time to update the legislation governing their scope of practice in the State of CT. I appreciate this opportunity to make a statement in favor of something about which I feel so deeply.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Maureen C. Moriarty